

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Every year all forms of major media are controlled by a smaller and smaller group of corporate entities, usually under the ultimate control of one man, a Murdoch, a Redstone, etc. These men have very particular political points of view, and their own politics shape the content that is permitted to go out through the media they control. When a man owned a newspaper, or a television station, that was one thing. But when five or six men own most of what there is to be owned, diversity is just a word in the dictionary. Please, Mr. Powell, protect our democracy. On this issue, stand fast, and protect the cable ownership cap, and the cross-ownership rule.